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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### AUSTRALIA.

#### *Report from Brisbane—Plague.*

The department of public health of Queensland reports, March 10, the occurrence, on March 6, of a plague death at Brisbane. No plague-infected rats were found on the premises where the case occurred.

No plague case had been reported in Brisbane since June 14, 1905, and no plague rats found from July 14 to December 1, 1905. From February 19 to March 8, 3 infected rats were found, and on February 9 and 10, 5 on board the steamship *Aramac*. The latter are not included among infected rats at Brisbane as they were found on the vessel on her arrival from Sydney.

### BRAZIL.

#### *Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague and yellow fever—Plague in Bahia.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, April 7, as follows:

During the week ended April 1, 1906, vessels left this port for United States ports, were inspected by me and received bills of health from this consulate-general as follows: On the 27th ultimo the Norwegian bark *Bellas*, for New Orleans, no cargo, in stone ballast, with no passengers and with no change in the personnel of the crew; on the 28th ultimo the British steamship *Thespis*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 5 first-class, and 15 steerage passengers for the same port, and with no change in the personnel of the crew while in this port; on the 29th ultimo the British steamship *Manchester Mariner*, in water ballast, for Port Tampa, with no passengers and with no change in the crew personnel, and on the same date the British steamship *Ribson*, for Pensacola, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the personnel of the crew while in this port.

No other vessels left Rio de Janeiro, for United States, Canal Zone, or Cuban ports during the period under report.

#### *Bubonic plague in Bahia during month of March.*

Official reports state that during the month of March, 1905, there were 40 cases of plague, with 28 deaths, in Bahia, and that at the close of the month there were 11 plague patients under treatment at the isolation hospital.